Recreation Land Grading and Shaping

PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service - practice code 566



DEFINITION

Recreation land grading and shaping is altering the surface of the land to meet the requirements of recreation facilities

PRACTICE INFORMATION

The purpose of the practice is to permit affective use of the land area for recreation. Surface irregularities, slopes, soil limitations, wetness, or obstructions often interfere with planned recreation use.

Design of this practice should always include considerations for fish and wildlife. The practice design criteria includes the following:

- Shaping -- Cuts and fills may be estimated
- Grading -- If uniform grading is required, the design will be based on a complete topographic survey.
- Erosion Control and Drainage -- Provisions will be included in the design.
- Specific Use -- Grading and shaping for a specific use will be according to the requirements of the intended use.
- Vegetation -- All disturbed areas will be established to vegetation as soon as practical following construction.

Additional information including design criteria and specifications is in the local NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.